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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

For Sale.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.

SUPERIOR WHITE CRYSTALS
Manufactured by the ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, can now be had in Tins of 10 or 14 lbs., or in larger quantities to suit purchasers, on application to Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
H. KLEB, General Agent.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878.

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THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES.

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves).
Out and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.
CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly.
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Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGERS,
CHINA SUGAR Refining Co., Limited,
East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878. ap5

FOR SALE OR HIRE.

A SEMI-GRAND BROADWOOD PIANO.

Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878. t

GOAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to
BATTLES & Co.
Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO. HAVE FOR SALE.

EX M. M. S. S. "AVAL,"
AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSONNEAU'S STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYEAU.
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED PATES, in Patent Tins.
TEYSSONNEAU'S PATE DE FOIE GRAS, in Patent Tins.

TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S ASSORTED PATES.
PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S LONG ASPARAGUS.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S SARDINES.

FENARD & FILS' FINEST OBERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAERME.

RICHEMOND SMOKING MIXTURE.
BARCELONA NUTS.
BRAZIL NUTS.
PEA NUTS.

ALMONDS in SHELL.
SMYRNA FIGS.
MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in Cartons.

EPPE'S COCOA.
BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.
GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.

GALETTINE and ISINGLAS, in 1 lb. Packets.
WAFLE IRONS, AMERICAN BROTHERS.

VERY FINE "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS.
BILLIARD CUE CEMENT.
BILLIARD CUE.
BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

BARCLAY and PERRIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads.
HORN'S BEST QUALITY RUSSIAN ROPE.
HORN'S ASSORTED TARED and WHITE LANS.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES, &c.
Hongkong, March 1878.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

PIANOFORTE TUNING.

M. J. BUCHANAN, BANDMASTER of Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders, begs to announce to the Public of Hongkong that he will undertake to TUNE PIANOFORTES during his stay in the Colony.
Address to Murray Barracks, Hongkong, March 14, 1878. ap14

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A THIRD RETURN OF CAPITAL and INTEREST at the Rate of FIVE TABLES per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 28th February, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th March.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-signed to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 8th March inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, February 23, 1878. ap4

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

WELTAKER'S ALMANAC.

LETTER'S DIARIES.
ARNOLD ON MARINE INSURANCE.
LAW OF GENERAL AVERAGE.

SMITH'S MERCANTILE LAW.
MCCULLOCH'S COMMERCIAL DICTIONARY.

HOPKINS' PORT OF REFUGE.
ENGLISH SYNONYMS.
ROGET'S THESAURUS.

ANDERSON'S MERCANTILE LETTERS.
OLLENDORFF'S FRENCH METHOD.
OLLENDORFF'S GERMAN METHOD.

OLLENDORFF'S SPANISH METHOD.
OLLENDORFF'S ITALIAN METHOD.
NARES' SEAMANSHIP.

DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.
UNIVERSAL INDEX OF BIOGRAPHY.

POLE'S THEORY OF WHIST.

THE CORRECT CARD.
BRETON'S HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT.
BRETON'S EVERYDAY COOKERY.

ENGLISH DICTIONARIES.
FRENCH Do.
GERMAN Do.

SPANISH Do.
ITALIAN Do.
ENQUIRE WITHIN UPON EVERYTHING.

ALL ABOUT HARD WORDS.
CHINESE COMMERCIAL GUIDE.
GILES' CHINESE SKETCHES.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE.
ETTEL'S NEW CHINESE DICTIONARY.
1st and 2nd Parts.

ETTEL'S BUDDHISM.
ETTEL'S FUNG SHUI.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING the TEMPORARY ABSENCE of the Undersigned, Mr. THOMAS DANIEL COX PARKER is appointed Acting Manager.
A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, March 20, 1878. ap20

FOR STORAGE in GODOWNS, Brays Central.

Apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 26, 1878. ap26

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ENGLISH AND CHINA-MADE FURNITURE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, ON

THURSDAY, the 4th April, 1878, at Noon, at "Greenmount," the Residence of JOHN FAIRBAIRN, Esq.,—The whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COMPRISING:
Green Rep Covered Walnut Chairs and Couch.

2 English-made
EGLINTON EASY CHAIRS,
Covered in Crimson Utrecht Velvet.

1 Cottage Trichord PIANO, by COLLARD and COLLARD, in Mahogany Case, made expressly for the Climate.
Crystal and Bronze Gasaliers, Gilt Framed Mirrors, Carpets, Chromolithographs, Pictures, Clocks, Marble-top Tables, Fenders and Fire Irons, Hearth Rugs.

1 Handsomely Carved Teakwood Book Case, with Glass Doors, Marble-top Tea Poy, Teak Whisttable, 1 Walnut Secretaire, with Patent Self Locking Drawers.

ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY DINING TABLE, WITH SPARE LEAVES.
English-made
MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, with Mirror Back.

ENGLISH-MADE CANE SEAT CHAIRS, WITH MOROCCO CUSHIONS.
Electro-plated Ware, Crockery, and Glass Ware; Stair Carpet and Rugs, Filter, Ice Chest, Hall Lamps, Hard-wood Carved Teakwood Linen Press, Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses and Curtains.

1 LADY'S DOUBLE WINGED WARDROBE, WITH MIRROR DOOR.
1 English-made Mahogany Toilet Table, Toilet Mirrors, 1 Chubb's Safe, 2 Lady's Teak Davenport, Marble-top Washstands and Services, Couches, Chairs, Gas Brackets, Fenders and Fire Irons.

Children's Iron and Wooden Beds, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Bath Tubs.
Sundry Wines and Stores.
Also,
A FINE COLLECTION OF CAMELLIAS, FERNS, ROSES, and other
CHOICE PLANTS.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on Wednesday, the 3rd April, 1878.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap4

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE FURNITURE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed by W. H. BARNARD, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, ON

TUESDAY, the 9th April, 1878, at Noon, at his Residence No. 4, Albany Terrace,—The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing-room Chairs, Couches, and Settees in Walnut, Covered with Green Rep, Morocco Covered Easy Chairs, Marble-top Tables, Gilt Console Table with Marble Top and Mirror Back, Large Pier Glasses, Chromolithographs, Flower Vases, Clocks, Gasaliers, Carpet, &c., &c.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, comprising: Carved Sideboard, Dining Table, Chairs, Whisttable, Electro-plated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Clocks, Vases, Handsome Teak Book Case, Crystal Gasaliers, Fender and Fire Irons, &c., &c.

BED-ROOM FURNITURE, comprising: Solid Brass and Iron Bedsteads, Ladies' Wardrobes English-made of Solid Mahogany, Dressing Tables and Washstands with Marble-tops, Toilet Mirrors, Chest of Drawers, Chairs, Couches, &c., &c.

Also,
1 English-made BASKET CARRIAGE, with Harness, &c., complete.
2 PONIES, accustomed to carry Ladies, and broken to Harness.
A COTTAGE PIANO, by BROADWOOD & SONS, London.
A PARLOUR BILLIARD TABLE, with Cues, &c., complete.
And,
A Fine Collection of PLANTS and FERNS.
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 2, 1878. ap9

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES von BOSE has been authorized to Sign our Firm per procuration at Canton.

Q. LOWITZ & Co., Canton, April 2, 1878. my1

NOTICE.

MR. THEODOR JOHANNES ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU has been authorized to Sign our Firm per procuration.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, March 23, 1878. ap23

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

China, March 8, 1878. RUSSELL & Co. sc8

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS, Hongkong, December 25, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "QUICKSTER," BARNABY, Master, will load for the above Port, and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, March 25, 1878. ap26

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Ship "WEDWOOD," HARRISMAN, Master, will load for the above Port, and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, March 25, 1878. ap26

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American ship "BLOANO," BARNABY, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, April 1, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 German Ship "WEGA," JACHENS, Master, will load here as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Ship "FREEMAN CLARK," DWIGHT, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, March 25, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Ship "ANNIE M. SMITH," PACKER, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 American Ship "ALICE M. MINOTT," WHITMORE, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark "B. F. WATSON," HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Arcton* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 1, 1878. ap8

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Branmar Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 6th April next will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given by 2 p.m. To-day.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878. ap6

BRITISH STEAMER *AFGHAN*.

HUNT, Master, FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 8th April next will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given by 3 p.m. To-day.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878. ap6

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex "P. H.,"
Mr. C. Grossmann, G. (in diamond), No. 7397, 1 case
Meyers, Hongkong, March 27, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Argyll* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, April 1, 1878. ap8

FROM SINGAPORE AND LONDON.

THE S. S. *Glenagles* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves of Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice be given before 11 o'clock To-morrow.
Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th Proximo will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 29, 1878. ap5

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. *Egria*, JOHANNSEN, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 5 p.m. To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 6th April will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878. ap6

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNES of Cargo per Steamship *CAELIC*, from San Francisco, &c. are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. R. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 29, 1878. ap6

GERMAN STEAMER *OLYMPIA*.

NAGEL, Master, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 6th April next will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given by 2 p.m. To-day.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 30, 1878. ap6

Bradford, I do not, with all due deference to your opinion, I do not think it is entirely correct. Bradford, turning to the marshal, said, "Here, Phoenix, take this man to jail for twenty-four hours for contempt of court." The man was accordingly taken to prison, and on the expiration of twenty-four hours he was brought before Mr Bradford. Bradford: "Now, Mr Cottrell, will you apologize for your conduct yesterday?" Cottrell: "I am not aware that I have committed contempt of court. I did not intend to insult you or commit contempt of court; and I now entirely withdraw the matter from your consideration." Bradford: "Phoenix, take this man to jail again for twenty-four hours for contempt of court." The marshal obeyed the order.

Phoenix told me so graphically that I shall never forget it.

In proof of the accuracy of this story Myers reproduces in his statement an extract from the record of the United States Consulate at Hongkong, showing that a person of the name of Cottrell was committed to prison twice for twenty-four hours by Bradford for contempt of Court on consecutive occasions.

We have made such full references to this statement, merely for the sake of information. Until Mr Seward's replies to the allegations are before the public it is impossible for us in Hongkong to judge between the parties and say whether Mr Myers' removal was just or unjust, or how much reliance may be placed upon the truth of the very serious charges made here against Mr Seward. We should shortly hear the upshot of the affair from America.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

London, 1st April, 1878.

Her Majesty's Message has been presented to Parliament.

The Message is brief and formal; it explains the calling out of the reserves by the necessity of taking steps for the maintenance of peace and the protection of British interests.

The appointments of Lord Salisbury to be Secretary of State for the Foreign Department, and of Lord Stanley to be Secretary for the War Department are confirmed. The British Government has warned the Colonies of the necessity of defensive measures in all available territory.

The Russians are fortifying the lines of Tobolsk.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The S.S. *Hailong* came over from Kowloon Dock this afternoon.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 7.5 this evening.

The *Deception* larceny case was formally adjourned until Friday next, the 6th inst., at noon.

Mr W. M. Deane, Captain Superintendent of Police, arrived here to-day per M. M. steamer *Djemah* from Europe.

H. M. S. *Andalous* and H. M. S. *Maggie* left this afternoon for Yokohama. The *Lapwing* and *Curlew* leave for the South, and the latter we understand goes home.

We beg to draw special attention to the Sale of Mr John Fairbairn's Furniture at Greenmount, To-morrow, the time having been altered from 2 p.m. to Noon of that day.—*Adv.*

This little steamer *Sea Gull* will leave this port to-morrow morning, about 9 o'clock, with Captain Roberts, when the salvaging operations will be resumed at the wreck of the P. M. S. *Japan*.

CAPTAIN Thompson, of the American ship *North Star*, has been summoned for assault by his second officer, Mr Silver Nelson. The case will be heard to-morrow at the Harbour Master's Office at half-past 10 o'clock.

Mr. Pocock, late Chief Officer of the S.S. *Douglas*, has assumed command of the *Thales*. We understand that Captain Frank Ashton is to have command of the *Hilfing*, vice Captain Abbott, who goes home shortly.

As an instance of the value of Chinese property, we may note that no less than 45 houses have been built on the piece of land formerly occupied by the P. M. S. S. Co.'s building near the Harbour Master's Office; and although the tenements are not yet wholly completed, the bulk of them are already occupied.

We understand that a handsome silver gilt tea service has been presented to the Honorable J. Gardiner Austin, C.M.G., by the Officers of the Civil Service in the Colony, on the occasion of his leaving for Europe by the French mail steamer to-morrow. Mr Austin expressed himself as highly gratified by this mark of regard and esteem from those with whom he has served for so many years.

We understand that the steamer *Kiung Choo*, lately built by Messrs Spratt & Co. at their Docks at Kowloon, and engaged by Mr Johnston of the West Point Foundry, is nearly ready for sea, and will leave shortly, under the command of Captain Green at present in the *Bombay*. Mr Kwok Ahcheong will soon have a large fleet of vessels. We have heard that he is negotiating for the purchase of the P. & O. S. S. *Orissa* and *Golconda*, but we give this merely for what it is worth.

It is stated that the construction of five or six forts is to be proceeded with forthwith, with a view of protecting the entrances to Hongkong Harbour. The sites are understood to be—the Lyemmoon, East Point, Fly Point (west), Green Island, and Kowloon. Colonel Hall, R.A., who has been actively engaged in this scheme, leaves for Singapore to-morrow on his annual inspection, accompanied by Capt. Curtis, and will return about the first week in May.

We understand that the following appointments are to be made consequent on the departure, on leave of absence, of The Honourable J. Gardiner Austin, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary and Auditor General.

The Hon. J. M. Price to be Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. C. May, Senior Police Magistrate, to be Acting Auditor General.

Ed. Bowdler, Esq., to be Acting Surveyor General.

The American barque *Harriet N. Carleton*, which left Hongkong for Honolulu on 18th December last with 351 Chinese passengers and a general cargo, ran ashore on a reef off the Island of Molokai, about 30 or 40 miles from the latter port, on the 29th of January last. The *San Francisco Chronicle* states that the U. S. S. *Pensacola* proceeded on the 6th February to render assistance to the wrecked vessel, and took off 180 of the Chinese passengers, together with the Captain (Harkness), his wife and another lady (a cousin), landing them safely at Honolulu. All the other passengers had been previously taken off by coasting schooners, so that fortunately no lives were lost. The ship was lying inside the reef, but had six feet of water in her hold, and was supposed to be a total loss.

The British Army is better fed and better clothed than any other European force. Indeed, the question arises whether we do not array our soldiers in uniforms far finer and more costly than is absolutely necessary. The jacket of a Horse Artillery sergeant costs no less than ten or twelve pounds, because of the cross-bars of gold lace worn upon the chest. Those graceful individuals whom we see adorning our parks and bending over nurserymaids in Kensington Gardens cost the country no less than eight pounds fifteen shillings to clothe every year; while staff-sergeants in the Foot Guards are arrayed in gold and scarlet to the extent of thirteen pounds four shillings and twopence per annum. On the other hand, our working soldiers—the infantry and cavalry of the line—are less costly to provide with uniform, for they are satisfied with three pounds eleven shillings and four pence eleven shillings per man respectively. Perhaps the greatest extravagance of which we are guilty in the matter of clothing our soldiers is to be found in the case of the 17th Lancers and 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, whose saddle-cloth ornaments are of silver.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

An execution of four prisoners, sentenced to suffer the extreme penalty of the law, for the crime of burglary and wounding, was to take place on the morning of the 27th March.

The Japanese Government has forwarded to the Minister of State a copy of this Emigration Treaty between Spain and that country.

The license of three years for opium-smoking shops in the provinces of Cagayan and Isabela has been sold this year for \$19,525.75, being \$2,375.75 over the upset price.

A sale of 10,854 mill cigars took place at Manila on the 19th March, of which 5553 mill were sold for the total sum of \$71,999.95, including \$250.10 of premium obtained.

On exchange on Hongkong and Amoy on the 22nd March were 1/2 and 1/2 per cent. discount respectively.

The British barque *John C. Munroe* has been chartered for London at \$112.8 wet sugar, and \$2.15 hemp.

The *Andalucia* arrived on 22nd and the *Thomas Bell* on the 26th, both from Hongkong.

The Spanish barque *Teodoro* left for Hongkong on the 22nd March with sapanwood.

The American ship *Evrite* left for New York and Boston, via Iloilo, on the 26th March.

The British barque *Glenfruin* and the Spanish brigantine *Villa de Rivadavia* were advertised to leave for Hongkong.

Other vessels on the berth were *Saltibury*, for London; *Galatesa*, for Liverpool; *Elizaveta*, for New York; *Evening Star*, for New York; *Bonanza*, for San Francisco; *John C. Munroe*, for London; *India*, for Liverpool.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'Keefe, Esq.)

3rd April, 1878.

LARCENY.

Cheong Ayo, a coolie, was sent to 4 weeks' hard labour for stealing two leaves of bread from the French Bakery. He pleaded hunger as an excuse.

Wong Ayoung, stevedore in Hung Man lane, and Tin Apo, coolie, were charged on remand, with stealing a piece of copper, valued at \$1.14, from the British barque *Zee* at 8 p.m. of the 22nd ultimo.

It appeared on board from Japan which was stowed beneath some bags of rice. After the rice was discharged a number of empty bags were sent on board to put the loose rice into. It was then discovered that a quantity of the copper (about 3 1/2 pounds) was missing, the value of which was about \$130. The Chief Officer was making enquiries about the copper and accused the stevedore of knowing something about the theft, and he then observed one slab of copper shewing through the corner of one of the empty bags which had been brought on board. He did not know who threw the bag on deck. The slab weighed about 85 lbs., but the stevedore's men first accused the 2nd defendant and he was tied up by the queue to one of the stanchions. Both defendants were detained until the Captain went on board the ship, and they were then handed over to the police. There was not sufficient evidence to connect the defendants with the robbery, and they were therefore discharged.

ALLEGED LARCENY.
Frederick Bent, a coloured seaman, was charged with stealing a blanket from another man (a cook unemployed). The charge was not substantiated, and the defendant was accordingly discharged.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.
Chan Aman, and Wong Akwai, coolies, were sentenced, the first to 10 days' and the second to 7 days' hard labour, for being found in the unlawful possession of a bundle of sticks at Morrison Hill.

MENDICANCY.
Two or three persons were charged with mendicancy; one, a widow, said that she had been in Hongkong over 10 years. She did not always beg, but was now compelled to do so owing to the high price of rice. She was discharged; the others were ordered to be sent to their native places.

LARCENY.
Chow Ahn, a housekeeper, was sent to 4 weeks' hard labour for stealing a piece of wood. He was originally charged with unlawful possession, but Mr O'Keefe considered the evidence sufficient to convict him of the graver charge. Inspector Cameron was in charge of the case.

FIGHTING.
A number of coolies and rice-pounders were fined 20 cents each for the above offence.

LARCENY FROM A DWELLING HOUSE.
Chen Ayoung, a carpenter, was sent to 8 weeks' hard labour for entering the house of a Mr Ross, and stealing 2 ear-rings, 2 finger-rings, 1 necklace and 1 brooch valued at \$5.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.
Kam Fat Nam, a clerk, was charged with embezzling money the property of Tam Ut Po, a shopkeeper, residing at 48 Queen's Road Central. Mr Dennis appeared to prosecute. The charge was simply this: the defendant had been entrusted with goods to the value of over \$11,000 which had been consigned to him at Singapore. He returned here lately and failed to account satisfactorily for the proceeds. Upon being questioned by his employer as to what had become of the money he said he had spent some of it in brothels, and with the balance had purchased opium, which he had lost in attempting to smuggle. His employer what he said was the balance in hand, viz. \$45.

Mr Dennis said that he would just say to His Worship before proceeding with the case that he had some doubts whether or not this court had any jurisdiction, and he would like to hear His Worship's opinion on the matter. Of course he did not wish it to be inferred that his client had made any arrangement with the defendant. His client was not anxious to press the charge, but as had begun it, he was quite willing to proceed, in order to save himself from any future action which might arise. At the same time he thought it would be waste of time to proceed with the case, if His Worship had any doubts as to jurisdiction.

Mr O'Keefe said he certainly had his doubts; with the knowledge he had of the case, it appeared to him that the crime was completed at Singapore. At the same time he was quite willing to proceed with the case, and if the evidence warranted it, he would get the opinion of the Attorney General.

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His Lordship ordered that the goods be sold and an account rendered, judgment being entered for the plaintiff for the balance.

Wong Achip v. Wong Achoy, \$40.—This was a claim for the recovery of a sum of money which the plaintiff alleged he had paid on behalf of the defendant.

The defendant it appears borrowed money from a woman at Macao to release herself from a brothel, the plaintiff becoming security. This amount the plaintiff had to pay as the defendant failed to do so. Both parties resided at Macao, and came to the Colony together, as the defendant said she could obtain the money here. She now refused to pay, and this action was accordingly brought.

His Lordship said that he should dismiss the case on three grounds. 1st, That the litigation took place at Macao and both litigants resided there; 2nd, That it was a debt contracted in an immoral manner, and 3rd, That the cause of action had not arisen, as three months would have to elapse before the debt was due, and it was only contracted on the 1st February last.

There were several other cases but of little or no interest from a European point of view.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

(Continued.)

15.—The increasing acceleration of the outward British Packets, with the retardation of the outward French Packets has been gradually bringing the two arrivals nearer together, until now they nearly or sometimes quite coincide. This is most inconvenient, both to the public and departmentally. Instead of there being one opportunity of the best class for Shanghai and Yokohama every week, the two coincident packets really furnish only fortnightly communication. In the case of Yokohama this is particularly to be regretted, because there are but few private steamers to fall back upon.

16.—The usual tables are appended. It will be remarked that they show some increase in Money Orders drawn on the United Kingdom, due perhaps to the more favourable rates of exchange which have prevailed.

17.—The quickest passages home have been made by the Messageries packets. The mail once reached London via Marseilles in 34 days (Pécho), and twice in 36 days. The shortest passage by E. & O. packet has been 38 days. The *Gaëlle* once, and the *Oceanic* twice reached San Francisco in 25 days.

18.—The quickest passages out have been made by the P. & O. packets, which have delivered the mails seven times within 36 days. The Messageries Packet *Ara* arrived on May 12th, and the *Sindh* on September 1st with mails 87 days from London. The *Oceanic* on May 18th, and *City of Tokio* on June 26th were arrivals 28 days out from San Francisco.

19.—Tables B. & C. afford the following averages:—

Average voyage	Average voyage	Gain or loss as compared with 1876.
British Packets, Outward, 40 1/2 days	37 1/2 days	Gain 1 day.
French Packets, Outward, 42 1/2 days	38 1/2 days	Gain 1 day.
French Packets, Outward, 41 1/2 days	40 1/2 days	Gain 1 day.
British Packets, Outward, 42 1/2 days	40 1/2 days	Gain 1 day.

20.—The French packet *Meikong* left here for Europe on May 26th, and was lost near Cape Guardafui with all the mails, except the registered letters for the Continent, which were under the personal care of the Agent. On December 31st, for the first time for five years, the French and English mails from Europe arrived here together, and to make matters worse, the English mail was unsorted. The two mails were landed, within a few minutes of each other, about half-past ten in the morning, and the delivery, including the *Brisbane's* Australian mail, which arrived soon afterwards, was completed shortly after two o'clock.

21.—An English mail for Amoy was accidentally sent round by way of Formosa, and was further delayed by very heavy weather. Finally, on September 2nd, by the negligence of three of the junior officers of the Department, of whose conduct exemplary notice was taken, the *Douglas* was allowed to leave for the Coast without the French mail. This completes the year's catalogue of mishaps.

22.—Partly through the exertions of a Chinese resident, an ingenious and complicated system of stealing stamps was discovered, details of which may not be uninteresting. It had been the custom for years to make up as much as possible of the Mails the afternoon before the departure of the Mail steamer, and the bags thus partially made up were left hanging in the Office. The thief had abstracted bundles of Chinese letters for Singapore from the still open racks, and had picked off all the high value stamps, leaving a few of trifling value on each letter to keep up appearances. He calculated that the letters, having passed the triple examination to which they are subjected before being made up, would not be looked at again; that the Singapore Office would deliver them without scrutiny, and that at any rate the addresses, being Chinese, would make no complaint. He thus acquired a collection of obliterated stamps of various values. The next step would be, in oblitterating stamps on newly posted letters, to purposely leave some clean (which, if detected, could always be ascribed to accidental omission) and to watch an opportunity of replacing these clean stamps with the obliterated ones already stolen. The only witness obtainable, who was doubtless an accomplice, absconded, and in the absence of legal proof the principal was allowed to resign his employment under Government.

23.—The inquiry made into this case revealed a system of petty frauds on the Revenue, and on small Indian traders, either by abstracting unpaid letters and not accounting for the postage, or by collecting postage on what were really paid letters. There can be little doubt, moreover, that letters duly delivered to the servants of this class of addresses as paid have been charged by them as unpaid, and the so-called postage retained. Prosecutions have been taken against further dishonesty by postmen, but it is not easy to guard against frauds by private servants.

The Calcutta and Straits correspondents of the Indian community here will persist in putting their letters loose on board ship in spite of the heavy rate (15 cents per half ounce) levied here expressly to check that practice, which habit it is that renders these and other frauds possible, delays the

delivery of mails, and inconveniences everybody concerned.

24.—The postal service had lost an excellent and efficient public servant in the person of Mr Martin, late postmaster at Shanghai, who died there on July 2nd. Mr Macdonald, now postmaster at Yokohama, has been appointed to the vacancy.

25.—The new Post Office Ordinance has been brought into force during the year, and a Postal Guide has been published. Hongkong was perhaps the only Postal Administration of any importance which did not issue this kind of useful hand-book.

26.—Complaints have been received from time to time that the local papers suppress, in certain cases, the names of vessels by which mails are to be despatched, an innovation wrongly ascribed by the public to this office as a device to compel the posting of letters. Whilst the views of the newspaper proprietors and of this Department must remain different on the question thus raised, it is necessary to acknowledge the ready co-operation always received in all other details of conveying intelligence to the community.

27.—Communication with the ports of Hothow and Haifong has greatly increased. Through the kind assistance of the Commissioners of Customs at Hothow and Pakhoi it has been possible to extend some share of the increased facilities thus afforded to the latter place also.

28.—A tour of inspection of the Post Offices and Agencies was completed in the autumn. No serious complaint as to the working of the Department was received, the community at large, which might reasonably have had a grievance, ignoring the disasters alluded to in paragraph 21 with the most perfect good humour. The Right Reverend Bishop Russell stated that during an unusually long residence at Ningpo, in the heart of a Chinese city, he had never missed a letter, except once when a Mail packet was wrecked at Galle. And even then, of the two letters lost he subsequently received one unopened and the other was returned to the writer.

29.—A strong feeling prevails at Fookchow, and had prevailed there for some years, that the service to that port should be subsidised. This involves very serious considerations, but it cannot be denied that how often during the past year the Coast Mail has just missed the French packet. It may not be amiss, however, to remind the Communities of the three Coast Ports that it is only by the courtesy of Messrs. Douglas Laiprak & Co., that the British, French, American, Indian, and Australian Contractor Mails are conveyed to and from those settlements, without remuneration to any person concerned.

30.—In Japan, as also in Shanghai, erroneous ideas got afloat, very much exaggerating the aim and scope of what was merely a round of Office inspection. In Japan it was supposed that negotiations were in hand as to the withdrawal of British Post Offices; in Shanghai, that something was to be done to fuse the existing five Postal Administrations into one.

31.—The Postal service of Shanghai, considered as a whole, is not satisfactory. Nowhere, perhaps, are the grooves of business life adjusted to work more smoothly than in this splendid settlement. Everything that a business man can desire is anticipated, and in the most effective way except that his correspondence has to be distributed to and by five different and almost rival Post Offices, to which it is not impossible that a sixth may be added.

32.—Nevertheless, the scheme for an Imperial Chinese Local Post Office said to be set on foot by the Customs Authorities should be hailed as a step in the right direction. The only practical remedy at all likely to be devised for existing evils must be devised in the name of the Emperor of China. An Imperial Chinese Post Office, under exclusive foreign management, central, efficient, amply guaranteed, extended to all the open Ports, and admitted to the Postal Union, would make the Coast service of China more effective than it ever has been or otherwise ever can be.

33.—It is matter of regret not to have been able to effect more for the simplification of the present state of things at Shanghai. The only point which suggested itself was to resign the services between Shanghai, Fookchow, Amoy, and Swatow wholly into the hands of the efficient and deservedly popular Municipal Post Office, so as not to have two offices advertising mails for the same places. But as the British Post Office gives facilities for registry, which the Local Post Office does not at present afford, it has been thought better to make no immediate change.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General.
The Hon. J. GARDINER AUSTIN, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

LONDON GOSSIP.

(The Hornet.)

I cannot believe the rumour which couples the names of the Prince of Orange and our Princess Beatrice. The Prince is a middle-aged *roué*, whose notoriously dissipated life has eclipsed even the reputation enjoyed by his father. Is this a fit husband for a "virtuous English Princess"? It is true the old King has declared his intention of abdicating when his son marries, and Princess Beatrice would find herself a full-grown Queen at once. But it will be difficult to reconcile such a marriage as convenience with the rigid principles of morality that have hitherto become traditional in our Royal Family.

Among the many ceremonies attending the celebration of the marriage of Her Majesty's grand-daughter at Berlin next month, I hear there is to be a revival of the time-honoured "Royal Marriage Dance." The principal feature of this performance is the idiotic attitudes which the dancers are compelled to assume. The bows and courtesies exchanged are extravagantly elaborate, and render it difficult for anyone prone to stulticity to recover his equilibrium. When it was danced at the marriage of the Duke of York an unfortunate accident happened to an unmentionable portion of the royal garments, which caused considerable confusion, and brought the dance to an abrupt conclusion.

I am told, too, that immediately on leaving the chapel the bride and bridegroom will have to take the dew and play a rubber of whist with the Emperor and Empress in the presence of the whole Court. This will be a trying ordeal for the two young partners, and I think one might venture to bet heavy odds on the old couple.

The Reverend Mr Gillan, of Dundee is an eloquent and powerful preacher, much thought of in Scotland. He is a gentleman

of considerable vituperative powers, too. Last Sunday, preaching on the entry of Christ into Jerusalem, he took the opportunity of calling the Emperor of Russia "the goater of Siberia, the oppressor of Poland, the grinder-down of Circassia, the recent robber of Central Asia, the brutal and unmanly persecutor of all religions throughout his vast dominions, except his own, of which he is pontiff." He spoke of "his innumerable perfidies, his dark intrigues, his systematic falsehoods, his religious cant enough to darken Heaven with fury and to sicken it into disgust," &c. Pretty strong language, that, from the pulpit.

Mr James Grant, in the last issue of a periodical, tells a story of a wounded Highland pipper, who, in the Indian Mutiny, kept off a couple of sowars who were charging at him by pointing the largest shank of his pipes at them. The "poppers" thought it was a rifle, and turned tail. I remember, however, hearing of bag-pipes being put to a more curious use even than this. An old colonel of a famous Highland regiment was giving me an illustration once of the mania of the men for whisky, and he assured me that when the regiment marched out of Edinburgh on one occasion, four out of the six pipers had their bag-pipes filled with whisky, and plugged. They went through a dumb show of playing indeed, but left the two pipers to do all the music. And so lustily did those two perform that the "dodge" would never have been discovered, had not one of the whisky-laden pipers accidentally burst and revealed the nature of its contents.

TRANSLATIONS FROM "ECHO DU JAPON."

A recent notification from the Japanese Government announces that an enquiry is about to be made with a view of obtaining the official number of births and deaths that occurred during the 9th and 10th years of Meiji, (1878-1877). The census is to be taken in two distinct categories, one comprising the natives and the other the foreigners, without distinction of nationality, commencing from the 9th year of Meiji and continuing up to the present time.

The sums expended by the Government for the working of the *Ikuno* mines during ten years amount to yen 2,400,000. Up to the present the minerals extracted have only produced yen 1,300,000, but the output becomes daily greater, and it is hoped that a profit will be realised this year.

At Takachi in the province of Rikuseu a society of landowners has just been formed for cultivating an immense marsh which used to produce a revenue of 60,000 yen from fishing taxes. It is intended to convert it into rice-fields and, if the work succeeds and is well done, the society hopes to make an income of 50,000 kokus of rice from it.

Independent of the members of the Imperial Japanese commission about twenty private Japanese exhibitors have left for the exposition at Paris. Among the animals destined to figure at the exhibition are three horses, some tortoises, some ducks of a rare kind, some chickens hatched artificially and a certain number of fish peculiar to Japan.

We are assured that the first national bank is going to establish a branch in Corea. It has already received the necessary authority from the Minister of finance, and several of the bank officials are about to leave for Fusan.

The Finance Minister has paid to the colonial department 180,000 yen to cover the coast-guard expenses in Yesso and for the expeditionary corps sent from that island to Kushiu.

Mr A. de Pergina who was engaged by the Japanese Government to assist in making the necessary preparations for Japan at the Paris exhibition, and whose contract expired last month, has been presented with several pieces of magnificent Japanese silk stuff.

The Kioto Kencho has notified to all the officers employed in the different public administration that, after the 8th of Feb. they must attend their offices dressed after the European style.

It has been definitely decided to construct a new palace for the Mikado. Asumu will be the place probably chosen for it. It will cover an area of 600 teubos. The foundations are to be of granite and the walls of Kanusaki stone. Its estimated cost is yen 300,000.—*Rising Sun.*

Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 8, 1878.

OPIUM.—New Patna, cash...\$675 a 580

" Old Patna, cash... credit

" New Bonares, cash, 552 1/2 a 555

" Old Bonares, cash, 552 1/2

" New Malwa, cash, 715

" Allowance Tael, 6 a 24

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/10 1/2

" 30 days' sight, ... 3/10 1/2

" 6 months' sight, ... 3/11

Credit, ... 3/11 1/2

Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 3/11 1/2

Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 22 1/2

Calcutta, ... 22 1/2

Shanghai, demand, ... 7 1/2

" 30 days, ... 7 1/2

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 60 % prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,800

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,250

Chinese Insurance Co., \$250

Yantai Ins. Assoc., Tls. 525

North China Ins. Co., Tls. 950

E.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$680

China Fire Ins. Co., \$170

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSAILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 4th April,
1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
A. N. D. Y. R. Commandant MORSEAU,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPOILS,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.
Cargo and Speeds will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Speeds and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 3rd April, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 23, 1878. ap4



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GEELENG, Captain C. FRASER, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at
Noon.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be de-
parted for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on THURSDAY, the 11th April, at 2 p.m.,
taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 10th April. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to
Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and to
Members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR
SERVICES.
For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878. ap11

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THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
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AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CHINA
will be despatched for San Francisco,
via Yokohama, on the 11th April,
at Noon, taking Passengers, and
Freight, for Japan, the United States, and
Europe.
Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.
Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISS-
ION.
Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. of the 10th April. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.
Consular invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 28, 1878.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
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PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 16, 1877.

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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
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FRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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SHIPS' OOMPRADORE AND
STEVEDORE,
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SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
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STORES.
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876. my1

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and to
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assorted sizes. Ex S. S. Tiger, Revolving
Standard Albums, Amorial Monograms
and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather,
Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and
Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits
only, Portraits of the Generals of the pre-
sent Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors
in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.
AT the MEETING held on the 12th
Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s
OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS
were carried:—
1. That the affairs of the said Dodd
& Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement,
and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he
is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND
PYE be, and they are hereby appointed a
Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the
Estate, it is requested, will be paid to the
order of the Undersigned.
F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
Dodd & Co.
Amoy, January 14, 1878.

INSURANCES.
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENOIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Batavia and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. OUGHTREIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

**LANGASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**
(FIRE AND LIFE.)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Mahabads, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against Fire to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.
NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

Insurance.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.**
CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....£420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000
Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date.....£725,000

Directors:
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. | O. REES, Esq.
M. P. EVANS, Esq. | C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.
London Bankers:
Messrs. BARKING BROTHERS & Co.
Agencies in:
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates.
Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ocl

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)**
NOTICE.
POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World,
in accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association. Two Tenth of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
with Shareholders not in proportion to
the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**
Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 4, 1875.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
Directors.
KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.
FANG YIM, Merchant.
HO-SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
LOO YIM, of the Yee-On Hong, Merchant.
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHANG SING YONG, Merchant.
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.
POLICIES against FIRE granted on
BUILDINGS and on Goods stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
Discount of 20% on the Premium.
OFFICE, 43, Bonham Strand.
Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George the First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.
Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 28, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.**
THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Peking, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, and those in the body of the Harbour are marked B, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
Section 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
Section 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
Section 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the R. and O. Co.'s Office.
Section 5. From R. and O. Co.'s Office to the Naval Yard.
Section 6. From Naval Yard to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
Section 7. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
Section 8. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Vessel's Name	Flag	Class	Tons	Date of Arrival	Consignees or Agents	Destination	Remarks
Steamers							
Anadyr	Brit.	str.	2440	April	1 Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	To-morrow
Argyll	Brit.	str.	1271	April	1 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai, &c.	To-day
Arratoon Apur	Brit.	str.	1392	April	1 David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Singapore, Calcutta, &c.	To-day
Atalanta	Ger.	str.	783	Mar.	28 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Atholl	Brit.	str.	923	Mar.	26 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Benledi	Brit.	str.	923	Mar.	28 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Bombay	Brit.	str.	749	Feb.	12 Kwok Aehong	Shanghai	To-day
Caldera	Brit.	str.	1303	Mar.	26 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Cameo	Brit.	str.	95	Oct.	2 Kwok Aehong	Shanghai	To-day
Carlsbrooke	Brit.	str.	980	Mar.	31 Man Hing Chan	Shanghai	To-day
Danube	Brit.	str.	561	Mar.	31 Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	To-day
Fatchoy	Brit.	str.	163	Mar.	G. McCall	Shanghai	To-day
Gaelic	Brit.	str.	1712	Mar.	29 O. & S. S. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Glaucus	Brit.	str.	1647	April	1 Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	To-day
Halloung	Brit.	str.	277	Feb.	17 Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hakon-Adelsten	Norw.	str.	905	Mar.	28 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Kelchoung	Brit.	str.	894	April	2 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Maharajah	Brit.	str.	1270	Mar.	27 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Malabar	Brit.	str.	678	Mar.	17 Sandeman & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Meca	Brit.	str.	1427	April	1 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Moray	Brit.	str.	1119	Mar.	24 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Orissa	Brit.	str.	1228	Mar.	31 Turner & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Oxfordshire	Brit.	str.	69	Mar.	28 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Pacific	Brit.	str.	500	Oct.	30 Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Panay	Brit.	str.	1018	Mar.	24 T. G. Linstead	Shanghai	To-day
Perin	Brit.	str.	643	April	2 Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Perambuco	Brit.	str.	781	Mar.	20 Soy Sing	Shanghai	To-day
Quinta	Brit.	str.	43	Sept.	19 Insurance Company	Shanghai	To-day
Standard	Brit.	str.	1074	Mar.	28 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Tamala	Brit.	str.	1738	April	2 Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-day
Thales	Brit.	str.	700	Mar.	29 Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Tintern Abbey	Brit.	str.	788	Mar.	28 Kin-tye-long	Shanghai	To-day
Tueky Yuen Eyan	Brit.	str.	480	April	2 Captain	Shanghai	To-day
West Stanley	Brit.	str.	998	April	3 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Yotung	Brit.	str.	286	Mar.	27 Kwok Aehong	Shanghai	To-day
Zambhar	Brit.	str.	1460	Mar.	28 Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Sailing Vessels							
Adolph	Ger.	bge.	867	Mar.	28 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Almo M. Minotti	Amer.	sh.	1100	Jan.	28 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Amie M. Small	Amer.	sh.	1093	Dec.	28 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
B. F. Watson	Amer.	bge.	983	Nov.	28 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Blanca Petica	Ital.	bge.	665	Mar.	31 Thos. Howard & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Black Prince	Brit.	sh.	1508	Mar.	6 Naval Storekeeper	Shanghai	To-day
Chandos	Amer.	sh.	430	Mar.	14 Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Conchita	Brit.	sh.	1199	Feb.	18 Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Corona	Amer.	bge.	668	Mar.	14 H. Kier & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Crossed	Brit.	bge.	941	Jan.	22 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Edward P. Bouverie	Amer.	sh.	1181	Feb.	26 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Elise	Brit.	bge.	312	Mar.	30 Weller & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Emo	Brit.	bge.	778	Mar.	8 Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	To-day
Empire	Amer.	sh.	1130	Feb.	21 Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-day
Enid	Brit.	bge.	495	April	1 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Falcon	Brit.	bge.	798	Dec.	28 Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Freeman Clark	Amer.	sh.	1336	Jan.	19 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Globe	Brit.	bge.	736	Feb.	18 Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Great Admiral	Amer.	sh.	1578	Aug.	19 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hark Away	Brit.	bge.	778	Feb.	12 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hel Cheong	Brit.	bge.	836	Mar.	31 Weller & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Helene	Ger.	bge.	372	Mar.	31 Weller & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Hermann	Brit.	bge.	807	Mar.	15 Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Jean Pierre	Fch.	bge.	504	Mar.	22 Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Jessie Jamieson	Ger.	sh.	188	Mar.	20 Captain	Shanghai	To-day
Jullenne	Russ.	bge.	690	Jan.	12 Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Kalsja	Brit.	bge.	494	Mar.	31 Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Leon Yung Tye	Fch.	bge.	474	Mar.	31 Thos. Howard & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Leona	Brit.	bge.	374	Mar.	23 Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Maria Ravano	Fch.	bge.	380	Mar.	31 Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Marie Charlotte	Fch.	bge.	425	Mar.	31 Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Marie Louise	Brit.	bge.	500	Feb.	28 Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Marquis of Argyle	Brit.	bge.	447	April	2 Order	Shanghai	To-day
Michael Solohan	Dan.	bge.	197	Feb.	5 Olyphant & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Mosquito	Brit.	bge.	695	Jan.	24 Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Nimrod	Brit.	bge.	1374	Feb.	28 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
North Star	Brit.	bge.	248	Mar.	22 Weller & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Occident	Ger.	bge.	986	Feb.	28 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
P. J. Carleton	Amer.	bge.	340	Mar.	31 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Parades	Brit.	bge.	359	Mar.	30 Chinese	Shanghai	To-day
Parmentie	Brit.	bge.	454	Mar.	30 Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Phillip Fitzpatrick	Brit.	bge.	826	Jan.	4 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Princess Saraphi	Brit.	bge.	851	Feb.	23 Douglas Laprak & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Quikotepe	Brit.	bge.	204	Jan.	17 Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
River Lagan	Brit.	bge.	1056	Feb.	3 Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Rubicon	Amer.	sh.	825	Mar.	21 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Samar	Brit.	bge.	1040	Feb.	14 Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Splaway	Brit.	bge.	1090	Sept.	5 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Star of India	Amer.	sh.	600	Mar.	30 Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Sunetra	Span.	bge.	1270	Feb.	17 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Titan	Amer.	sh.	809	Feb.	19 Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Wealthy Pendleton	Amer.	bge.	1118	Mar.	1 Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Wega	Brit.	sh.	1089	Jan.	28 Russell & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Wildwood	Amer.	sh.	240	April	2 Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
WHAMPOA							
Gustav	Ger.	bge.	210	Mar.	30 Lane, Crawford & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Onward	Brit.	bge.	761	April	1 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
CANTON							
Ningpo	Brit.	str.	761	April	1 Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-day

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.